

PLANT SELECTIONS FOR 2010 SALE

BRAZOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

As of 8/18/10

Abutilon – Candy Corn - *Abutilon megapotanicum* – Candy Corn – Red and yellow, lantern-like flowers bob & dance on the elegant, arching stems of this unusual abutilon throughout the summer & fall. Left alone, it eventually grows into a 3' x3' sprawling mound of color, but it's spectacular trained in a 3' - 4' " tree" form where the flowers can really show off! It can also be trained as a short climber, makes beautiful hanging baskets, works well in a pot or trained on supports in the garden. Responds well to pruning for a lush, fuller look. Full sun or light shade. Prefers a moist, well-drained soil. **Hummingbirds!**

Agastache ' Black Adder' – *Agastache sp.* " Black Adder" – Long blooming variety. Tubular purple flowers. Height to 3' . Adapts to moist or dry soils. Drought-tolerant once established. Blooms midsummer to mid-fall. Sun.

Almond Verbena - *Aloysia virgata* - Small single or multi-trunk " tree" with delicate-looking foliage and a constant show of 6" – 8" spikes of feathery white flowers. It's known for its unbelievable fragrance of a heavenly honeyvanilla scent that wafts across the garden. Prefers full sun. **Butterflies!**

Alternanthera – Cream – *Alternanthera* - Low growing, mounding, herbaceous perennial. Krinkled leaves. Prefers light shade, but will take full sun. Adaptable to different soils, but will do best in a well drained soil.

Great to use in large plantings for color and/or texture.

Alice Staub Anemone – *Anemone* ' Alice Staub' - A perennial anemone that survives our Southern climate! It forms large full mounds of dark green grape-leaf type foliage & bears hundreds of 2" mauve-pink flowers on 2' -3' slender stems in early fall. Absolutely spectacular in a light shade garden. Plantlets radiate out from the mother plant in a shade garden. In sun, it remains a fairly compact clump. The only perennial anemone known to reliably do well here year after year. Moist, well-drained soil.

Barbados Cherry, Dwarf *Malpighia glabra* ' Nana' Native, 3' -4' unique & colorful shrub with small pink & white flowers summer & fall, produces an abundance of red cherry-like fruit, evergreen most winters, sun/part shade, **Birds**

Beautyberry – Mexican - *Callicarpa mexicana a-* Could be called our native beautyberry on steroids! This lush plant produces much larger clusters of gorgeous burgundy-wine berries along the stems in the fall and

all winter. The berries remain into the winter, and are eaten by several species of birds. Averages 6' -8' tall. Deciduous. Fullsun to dappled shade. Drought tolerant once established. **Birds!**

Cat whiskers – Orthosiphon *racemiflora* – Purple 3' x 3' Beautiful unusual blooms – large striking purple flower spikes. Blooms spring to frost, part shade, moist and good drainage Drought tolerant when established. May re-seed. Sun. **Bees, Butterflies, Hummingbirds**

Cat whiskers – Orthosiphon *racemiflora alba*– White 3' x 3' Beautiful unusual blooms – large striking white flower spikes. Blooms spring to frost, part shade, moist and good drainage Drought tolerant when established. May re-seed. Sun. **Bees, Butterflies, Hummingbirds**

Chile pequin – Capsicum annuum – Up-right bush covered with red peppers. Height 1ft – 5ft. Prune to 3" after first frost. Sun – part-shade. Drought tolerant. Very hot peppers. **Birds, Butterflies**

Clerodendron Blue Butterfly – Verbenaccar – Flowers in two shades of blue shaped like butterflies. Drought tolerant when established. Sun to part-sun. Blooms till frost. May die back in winter. **Butterflies, Hummingbirds**

Clerodendron Musical Notes – Clerodenron – A must for music lovers and plant nuts! Produces heavy cycles of flower buds shaped like musical notes. The buds burst open to a profusion of heard trumpet shaped creamy-white flowers. Average 4' in the landscape and also grows well in containers. Root hardy perennial in mild winters, responds well to pruning. Prefers a bit of afternoon shade in the summer.

Clerodendron Pagoda – Clerodendrum paniculatum – Large ramid shaped coral-orange flowers. Breath-taking. Sun. Blooms spring through fall. Hard pruning. Soil can dry between watering. **Butterflies**

Cuphea Batface – Cuphea llaves- This unusual & tough cuphea is a beacon of adorable fluorescent red & purple “ bat-face” tubular flower throughout the heat of late spring through summer to fall. It forms an 18" mound of arching stems, grows in sun or light shade, & likes good drainage. Root hardy to the low 20' s. Blends well at the front of a perennial bed or cascading over a wall or container. Also works well in hanging baskets. **Hummingbirds**

Dicliptera – King’ s Crown - *Dicliptera suberecta* - Tender perennial that features ovate, velvety, gray-hairy leaves (to 2 1/2" long) and two-lipped, tubular reddish-orange flowers (1-3/4" long). Typically grows in a shrubby mound to 18-24" tall and as wide. Blooms summer into fall. Easily grown in average, medium, well-drained soils in full sun. Tolerates some light shade and drought. Flowers are attractive to **hummingbirds**.

Duranta Sun Gold – Duranta erecta ‘ Sun Gold’ – Rich chartreuse foliage-makes this shrubby perennial a marvelous accent even in the toughest summer heat. Adapts well to containers or creates a

unique glow in mixed borders. Occasionally produces light blue flowers but choose this one for the foliage. 4' -6' tall. Full to part sun.

Fairy Duster (Dwarf) *Calliandra emarginata* – – This beautiful root hardy shrub is great for both garden and containers. Growing to about 2' – 3' tall, Dwarf Fairy Duster is covered with hot pink “ powderpuff” flowers practically non-stop from spring to fall! This shrub is spectacular in bloom. It has a very tropical look, but is a very tough little shrub. **Hummingbirds & butterflies!!!** Calliandras are known for having very low amounts of airborne pollen. Sun or light shade

Firespike, Pink Goddess – *Odontenema strictum ' Pink Goddess'* - A handsome, tropical looking perennial for shade gardens! Rich, glossy green leaves on a 4'-6' plant. Produces 12” spikes of bright mauve-pink flowers in the fall & will bloom all winter if in a protected area. This variety has slightly larger leaves and taller, fuller bloom spikes than the standard pink form. An absolute must for fall **hummingbird** migration! Responds well to pruning. Prefers shade or part shade but will grow in full sun.

Gaillardia – Grape Sensation - *Gaillardia aestivalis var. winkleri*'Grape Sensation' - **Grape Sensation Blanket Flower** - A fabulous new selection of Gaillardia made at the MAST Arboretum at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches. Forms an airy, 18” tall x 36” wide clump that is topped with 2” grape juice colored flowers May through October. Sun, well-drained.

Grass, - Bamboo Muhly - *Muhlenbergia dumosa* - Native, semi-evergreen, 4' -6' fern-like foliage, resembling graceful clumping bamboo, tiny purplish flowers after turning wheat colored, sun, moist, good drainage, deer resistant

Hibiscus, - White Texas Star – *Hibiscus coccineus alba ' Lone Star'* - An absolutely pure White Texas Star. The same unique and attractive foliage, and the same elegant 5' -8' height as its red relative, but topped with single 8” pure white flowers. Texas Star is native to the Southern United States. It's tough, hardy, and adapts well to wet, heavy ground. This hibiscus performs best in full sun and makes a striking accent or background perennial. Cut back the old stems after a hard freeze.

Hibiscus – Lord Baltimore *Hibiscus x“ Lord Baltimore”* – Glossy foliage and large red flowers up to **ten** inches wide. Disease resistant. Full sun, medium water. Upright growth habit to 5 feet. Use in perennial borders, butterfly and hummingbirds!

Hibiscus – Terri' s Pink, *Hibiscus x paramutabilis ' Terri' s Pink'* - Root hardy mallow averaging 4' - 6' ; maple like foliage, non-stop 6” bright pink flowers spring to November, no seed pods, sun/part shade

Hydrangea – Oakleaf *Hydrangea quercifolia* - A native, shade-loving shrub with spectacular large foliage and magnificent panicles of creamy-white flowers in spring. Averages 4' – 6' tall. Adds wonderful color for a shade garden and also has striking red-orange fall foliage color! Afternoon shade, understory conditions, moist, well-drained soils.

Iris, Danny' s dwarf Butterfly – *Dietes* sp. – A beautiful, dwarf version of this great Iris. Clumps of arching sword shaped evergreen foliage grow 12” -18” tall. 2” wide soft white flowers with yellow and purple-blue markings rise from stalks and dance like butterflies. Flowers profusely from spring to fall. Happiest in light shade but can take full sun.. Moist, well drained soil.

Iris, Orange Drop Butterfly – *Iris dietes* ‘ orange drop butterfly’ – Beautiful white petals with glowing orange markings. Clumps of arching sword shaped. Evergreen foliage grow 2’ – 3’ tall. Happiest in light shade but will take full sun. Moist, well drained soil.

Iris, Walking (White) *Neomarica gracilis* - Easy to grow. Sends out shoots that lay down and root into baby plants (walking). Well draining soil. Part shade or full shade. Smooth evergreen long foliage. Versatile plants that can be used in borders, beds or container plantings.

Justicia Fruit Cocktail – *Justicia brandegeana* “ Fruit Cocktail” – A charming hummingbird attractor. As easy to grow as other Shrimp Plant selections. ‘ Fruit Cocktail’ offers a constant display of golden-lime colored bracts accented by bright red flowers. Forms a 2’ -3’ mound of lush foliage. Root hardy. Sun or part shade. Moist, Well drained soil. **Hummingbirds**

Justicia Orange shrimp – *Justicia fulvicoma* – Easy to grow. Large orange blooms on bright green stems. Forms a 2’ by 3’ bush. Appreciates pruning. Sun or part sun. Moist, well drained soil. **Hummingbirds**

Lantana, Butter Cream = *Lantana camara* ‘ Butter Cream’ - Elegant and tough! This low mounding perennial has the same growth habit as ‘ New Gold’ Lantana but the flowers are unique. Each flower starts out bright golden-yellow and as it ages, a creamy white edge forms and blends in until the entire flower is white. Looking at the 18” – 24” mound of flowers you see a beautiful blend of gold, creamy yellow and white. Drought tolerant once established. Sun. Moist, well drained soil. **Butterflies**

Lantana, Red Spread – *Lantana camara* ‘ Red Spread’ -one of the best Lantanas available. Tough, low mounding and drought tolerant once established. Individual flowers emerge gold that change quickly to orange and ultimately to red in heavy bloom cycles spring through fall. 2’ – 3’ mounding plants. Sun. Moist well-drained soil. **Butterflies**

Lespedeza – Little Volcano - *Lespedeza liukiensis* ‘ Little Volcano’ — A graceful, deciduous shrub that erupts with bright rosy wine flowers in the fall (and normally a surprise bloom cycle in the spring). Upright, clumping branches are covered with small, dark green leaves. Forms a mound 5’ tall by 8’ wide. Sun. Well drained soil.

Liatris – *pycnostachya* ‘ Native Gay Feather – Native of the prairie, spike blazing star prefers full sun.

Moist, well-drained soil. In winter months the plant is dormant, the soil should be on the dry side. Very drought tolerant. Tall, straight and strong vertical spires of fuzzy purple flowers. Flower spikes are 10" – 15" tall. Can grow 4' tall. **Bees, Butterflies Considered invasive**

Ligularia, Giant - *Farfugium tussilaginea* ' Gigantea' – Evergreen perennial for shade. Large dark green glossy round leaves. A tropical looking accent that grows into a 3' clump. Blooms with clusters of yellow daisy-like flowers on 4' stalks in the fall. Shade. Best in moist, well-drained soil.

Lily , Shooting Star - *Anthericum sandersonae* – An evergreen grass-like lily that forms clumps of 12"-14" slender, slightly arching foliage & produces delicate looking 18"-24" stems covered with small white star shaped flowers almost all year round! It grows in full sun or light shade. Moist, well-drained beds.

Mist Flower – Blue *Eupatorium coelestinum* - A spectacular, native, shrubby perennial that blooms mid-summer through fall. This bushy, 2' - 3' plant is absolutely covered with clusters of super fragrant fluffy lavender-blue blooms that seem to attract every **butterfly** in the State. This extraordinary plant grows in full sun or part shade and will tolerate a range of soil types

Mist Flower – White - *Eupatorium havanense* - A spectacular, native, fall blooming, shrubby perennial! This bushy, 3'- 4' plant is absolutely covered with clusters of super fragrant white blooms that seem to attract every butterfly in the State!!! This extraordinary plant grows in full sun or part shade, is drought tolerant, and also tolerates poor drainage, is easy to grow, colorful, fragrant, and **a butterfly magnet!** Also blooms sporadically in spring and summer.

Monarda – Peter' s Purple. *Monarda sp* " Peter' s Purple" Passed along by Greg Grant, this perennial selection from Peter Loos' Nacogdoches garden is incredible! Heads of tubular, bright purple flowers form on upright stalks throughout the summer. Forms a 3' - 4' clump. Leaves have a minty-spicy fragrance. Mildew resistant. Sun, moist well drained soil. **Butterflies & Hummingbirds!**

Orthosiphon – Pink Surprise Bush - *Orthosiphon labiatus* - Pink Surprise Bush -'Pink Surprise' is a fabulous 3'x 3' perennial with mint-like leaves, square stems, & an absolute profusion of pink salvia-like flowers late spring to fall in heavy bloom cycles. Full sun or light shade & it responds well to pruning. **Hummingbirds!**

Paddle Plant - *Kalanchoe thyrsiflora* Grown mostly for its exquisite foliage. The thick, somewhat flat, fleshy leaves are roundish. In color they range from greenish-silver to pale green. Quite large in size, the foliage is beautifully highlighted with intense bands of pink or red along the leaf margins. This vivid color is only present when the plant is receiving enough sun. Considered a tender perennial but can tolerate temperatures down to about 25 degrees Fahrenheit. It also makes a lovely house plant. Full sun to partial shade.

Peruvian Pavonia *Pavonia peruviana* - An outstanding sun loving, drought tolerant, evergreen mounding perennial that's constantly blooming 2" light pink flowers with a red eye spring to fall. Attractive, dark glossy green, small arrow shaped foliage. Forms a 3' -4' mound. Sun. Responds well to pruning.

Penstemon – Gulf Coast *Penstemon tenuis* - Gulf Coast - Native, evergreen, 3' flower stalks covered with tubular lavender flowers 4-5 weeks in spring, lush dark green mound of foliage all winter, sun/part shade, **Hummingbirds**.

Prairie Phlox - *Phlox pilosa* - Some times called " Downy Phlox" this native, spring-blooming perennial has narrow green foliage and fine white hairs on the stems. Forms a carpet of showy clusters of pink star-shaped flowers that have a mild, pleasant fragrance. Beautiful when planted in drifts. Averages 12" tall. Thrives in moist, fertile soil and full or part sun.

Pride of Barbados – *Caesalpinia pulcherrima* - Perennial that dies to the ground following frost or freezing temperatures, but comes back reliable in middle spring. The plant is usually 8-12 feet tall, growing that large even after freezing to the ground the previous winter. The leaves are fernlike with incredibly showy blossoms of orange and red. The flowers are bowl shaped, 2-3 inches across, with five crinkled, unequal red and orange petals. It flowers in mid to late summer and fall. Easy to grow in any, well-drained soils. It is a fast growing plant and likes full sun to partial shade (It blooms best in full sun.) Extremely drought tolerant. The striking orange red flowers are an attention grabber! Use Pride-of-Barbados as a specimen or in a mixed shrub border.

Punica granatum 'Nana' - Dwarf Pomegranate- A fabulous dwarf variety with a compact, dense growth habit & an almost constant display of 2" orange-red single flowers throughout the hot summer months followed by adorable 2" red fruit. It does equally well in a landscape or in a container & is one of the most popular of all dwarf trees for bonsai hobbyists. This colorful, wonderfully textured deciduous shrub loves the heat, tolerates a variety of soils, & is droughttolerant once established. It reaches 3' -4' tall but can easily be kept much smaller. Sun & well-drained soil. **Hummingbirds**.

Rose – Belinda's Dream – Texas Superstar™, 3' -4' x 3' -4' average, upright, beautiful blue-green foliage, clean pink, double, high centered rose, rich fragrance, constant blooms, full sun, good drainage.

Ribbon Bush- Hypoestes Aritata Purples and blues are colors that can be hard to obtain in the southern garden. Our heat tends to cook that color spectrum and the flowers fade rapidly. This Hypoestes has light purple flowers and performs well for us because it blooms in the fall after our worst heat has abated. The tubular flowers stand in abundance atop of the 24" tall plant and make the perfect platform for fall migrating **Butterflies** to recharge their energy and continue their trek south. Full Sun/Part Shade

***Ruellia sp.* ' Blue Shade' -Blue Shade Ruellia-** Groundcover ruellia averaging 8" -10" tall, carpets the ground, violet-blue flowers, shade/part sun. (This is NOT a blue Katie Ruellia!)

Salvia - Big Yellow *Salvia madrensis* - Spectacular 4' -6' upright clumps of architectural 1/2" -1" square stems with wonderfully textured foliage, 20" -30" spikes of yellow flowers in fall, full sun, **hummingbirds**.

Salvia - Otahal *Salvia sp.* ' Otahal' -- Amazing spikes of blue-violet flowers with silver calyx against silver-green foliage. A non-stop bloomer. Averages 2' tall. Sun, moist, well drained soil. **Hummingbirds!**

Salvia – Snow Nymph - *Salvia coccinea* ' Snow Nymph' Native, upright 18" – 24" salvia, pure white flower spikes 6" -8" in heavy cycles spring to fall, sun/shade, moist well drained soil, **hummingbirds & butterflies**, responds well to pruning.

Salvia, Burgundy Van Houtte *Salvia splendens* ' Burgundy Van Houttei' -- A practically non-stop blooming salvia! This 3' x3' plant produces 10" -12" spikes of burgundy-wine flowers in late summer and fall. It's a tender perennial north of zone 8. Color is best with some shade. Moist, well drained soil. Responds well to pruning. **Hummingbirds!**

Senecio – Silver Fingers – *Senecio Kilimangaro* Stunning root hardy succulent for sun or light shade. Well mannered clumping habit with narrow, silver-blue foliage. Beautiful in sun or light shade and also does well in containers. Evergreen in mild winters. Moist, well-drained soil.

Skullcap - *Scutellaria suffrutescens* - Pink Skullcap- Semi-evergreen, tough perennial, forms a 6" -8" mound of tiny foliage & is smothered with small snapdragon-like bright pink flowers spring to fall in heavy bloom cycles, sun good, drainage.

Snake Herb, Florida *Dyschoriste oblongifolia* – Excellent **ground cover!** This evergreen perennial forms a lush ground cover 4" -6" tall with attractive, small oblong leaves and a profusion of trumpet shaped lavender-purple flowers. It blooms in heavy cycles from spring to fall & grows in sun or light shade. Moist, well-drained soil. **Butterflies!**

Soapwort Bouncing Bet *Saponaria officinalis* Soapwort has stout, 24-inch stems, swollen at the joints and oval, opposite leaves. It bears pink or white 1-inch flowers in clusters, each with 5 united petals that are especially fragrant at night. Soapwort ease of care: Easy., Plant in well-drained soil in full sun, but will also do well in a moist spot. When bruised or boiled in water, the leaves produce a lather with detergent properties that even removes grease. The genus name refers to the Latin word *sapo*, meaning "soap."

Stokesia - Peachie' s Pick– *Stokesia sp.* ' Peachie' s Pick' Stunning! Considered the best Stoke' s Aster available. Tight evergreen rosette of foliage. A multitude of compact upright flower spikes are topped

with dozens of large, lavender-blue flowers in early summer. Averages 18" -24" . Sun or part shade.

Butterflies!

Turk' s Cap – Native White *Malvastrum arbor. V. drum. ' Alba' -White Native Turk' s Cap–*

Another tough, easy Texas native that is practically a constant bloomer. Produces nodding, twisted white flowers in the Turk' s Cap form from spring to late fall. Hummingbirds! Small, apple-like fruits follow the flowers & attract a variety of birds. 3' -4' tall. Tolerates both wet and dry conditions. Light shade, sun.

Hummingbirds!

Verbena bipinnatifida - Hot Pink Moss Verbena- Native perennial **groundcover**, 12" tall with lacy fern-like foliage, broad, flat clusters of 2" -3" hot pink flowers summer to frost, sun/part shade, moist, well drained, drought tolerant, **Butterfly** nectar

Verbena bipinnatifida – Lavender Moss Verbena - Broad, flat clusters of 2" -3" deep lavender flowers from early summer to frost. Hardy, native perennial **groundcover** to about 12" tall with lacy fern-like foliage; lacier foliage than the standard verbena but with the same growth habit and cultivation. Drought-tolerant, but grows best in moist, well-drained soil in full sunlight to part shade. A great **butterfly** nectar plant.

White Candles *Whitfieldia longiflora* — Brighten up a shady spot! Glossy dark green foliage really sets off the 6" - 8" spires of pure white flowers that can last for a week. Blooms spring to fall. Distinctive, upright growth habit, averages 4' . A great landscape accent and a good option for containers. Shade or part sun. Moist, well-drained soil.

VINES

Bauhinia – Pink Orchid - *Bauhinia yunnanensis* Semi-evergreen, 1" double kidney shaped leaves & is covered with terminal racemes of 2" orchid-like pink flowers spring to fall, full sun.

Mexican Butterfly Vine *Mascagnia macroptera* - - A semi-evergreen sun loving vine that's covered with clusters of fabulous bright yellow, orchid-like flowers summer thru fall!!! After a bloom cycle, the flowers are followed by interesting butterfly-shaped chartreuse seed -pods. Once established, this is one tough, beautiful, long-lived vine. Sun. Moist, well drained soil.

Mexican Flame Vine *Senecio confusus* is a woody tropical vine with the enchanting summertime habit of covering itself in brilliant daisy-like flowers. The bright orange blossoms are about 1 in (2.5 cm) in diameter and are borne in small clusters. As they age the flowers change from orange to almost red. They are followed by fruiting structures that resemble smaller versions of the dandelion's puffy seed heads. It is a **great plant for beginners** being drought resistant and seldom bothered by pests. Best of all even minimum care is rewarded.

White Passion Flower *Passiflora caerulea* ' *Constance Elliot*' Evergreen, attractive, five-fingered foliage, fragrant 3" -4" pure white flowers spring to fall, sun/light shade, moist, well drained soil, major host plant for the Gulf Fritillary **Butterfly**